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## Review on weed management studies in *Allium*

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### Abstract

The various bulb crop, Onion & garlic is a dicotyledonous, belongs to the own family Alliaceae. they're highly export oriented crop and earns a treasured forex for the usa. Low productivity of *Allium* is probably the ensuing of quite a number of factors like Weed, negative yielding genotypes, non-availability of excellent seeds and bad agronomic practices. among the agronomic factors, proper weed management may be an extreme issue. Weeds compete with *Allium* crop for vitamins, soil moisture, area, light and substantially reduce the bulb yield, quality and value of the crop through improved production and harvesting expenses. seeking to the yield losses, it is essential to manage the weeds throughout preliminary boom ranges. The method of integration of physical, mechanical and chemical methods related to mulching, hand weeding and use of herbicides, respectively appear higher and effective alternative to the conventional hand weeding. as a result, a brief evaluates changed into offered to discover the effect of various weed control approach in onion.

**Keywords:** Onion, weed and management

### Introduction

India has been recognised as “home of Spices” from historical times. Onion and garlic are important export vegetable a few of the cultivated *Allium* in India. India ranks first in area, 2<sup>nd</sup> in manufacturing of onion and garlic within the international. Maharashtra is the leading manufacturer of onion in India and different fundamental onion growing states in our use are Gujarat, Karnataka, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan, whereas productiveness is highest in Gujarat. even as garlic developing states are Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh.

*Allium* is valued for its bulbs having function odour, flavour and pungency, which is because of the presence allicin (S compound). Being a shallow rooted crop with slender leaves, slow developing, carefully plant and non-branching habit. due to this type of increase habit, they can't compete well with weeds. Their competition with the plant life starts at very early increase stage due to the fact right now after planting, the weed emergence takes place that competes with the soft seedlings. As weeds decrease the profitability of crops, consequently, weed ought to be controlled well in time. Weeds compete for vitamins, soil, moisture, space and mild drastically lowering the yield, first-rate and price through accelerated production and harvesting expenses.

conventional techniques of weed control i.e. hand weeding is no doubt powerful however it is time consuming, bulky, expensive and beneath many situations becomes uneconomical. furthermore, weeding at some stage in crucial growth ranges may be very hard because of extended price of human labour and its scarce availability.

Spraying of pre-emergence herbicides keeps the crop in weed free situations in the course of early levels. Then, at later levels hand weeding or software of publish emergence herbicides facilitates to reduce the fee of weeding and preserve the weed population below economic threshold stage at some stage in the crop increase length. Mechanical methods required extra labours and in gift scenario paucity of timely availability in addition to high wages leads to pick opportunity choice this situation makes it important to use herbicides for effective and timely manipulate of weeds in this crop. it's far consequently distinctly vital to schedule a appropriate method of weed manage by the utility of different herbicides to enhance profit for the onion growers inside the united states of America therefore, an strive turned into made to discover an appropriate aggregate of cultural and chemical weed management practices for weed manipulate in onion may be almost effective and economically feasible for farmer.

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subsequently, a short evaluation is presented on the impact of weed on crop increase, yield and specific weed management techniques

Review of literature A review of Weed Management Studies in *Allium* is being presented under the following sub heads:

1. Weeds associated with *Allium* crops
2. Crop-weed competition
3. Losses caused by weeds
4. Effect of weed control Method on crop growth, yield and quality
5. Economics of weed control in onion

### Weeds associated with *Allium* crops

Kumar *et al.*, (2013) reported that *Phalaris minor* followed by *Avena ludoviciana* were the predominant associated weeds. All treatments resulted in significantly lower density of *Phalaris minor*, *Alopecurus myosuroides* and *Coronopus didymus*.

Rathod *et al.*, (2014)<sup>[24]</sup> reported that predominant weeds in onion was *Chenopodium album*, *Digera arvensis*, *Cyperus rotundus*, *Echinochloa colona* and *Dactyloctenium aegyptium*. Sampat *et al.*, (2014)<sup>[25]</sup> prominent weed species recorded was *Chenopodium album*, *Chenopodium murale*, *Amaranthus viridis*, *Anagallis arvensis*, *Convolvulus arvensis*, *Parthenium hysterophorus*, *Spergula arvensis*, *Digera arvensis*, *Cyperus rotundus*, *Euphorbia hirta* and *Cynodon dactylon* in garlic.

Panara *et al.*, (2015)<sup>[18]</sup> observed that monocot weeds, viz. *Brachiaria spp.*, *Indigofera glandulosa* L., *Asphodelus tenuifolius* L. Cav., *Echinochloa colona* L., and *Dactyloctenium aegyptium*, dicot weeds, viz. *Digera arvensis* Forsk., *Chenopodium album* L., *Amaranthus viridis* L., *Physalis minima* L., *Portulaca oleracea* L., *Euphorbia hirta* L. and *Leucas aspera* (Wild.) Spreng, and sedge weed *Cyperus rotundus* L. in garlic.

Dominant weed species associated with onion are *Cyperus rotundus*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Dinebraretro flexa*, *Digera arvensis*, *Boerhaviadiffusa*, *Parthenium hysterophorus*, *Chenopodium album*, *Medicago denticulate* also reported by Urraiya *et al.*, (2018)<sup>[32]</sup>. Chaudhari *et al.*, (2019)<sup>[7]</sup> reported that the major weeds observed in garlic were *Eleusine indica* (8.9%), *Asphodelus tenuifolius* (3.0%), *Setaria glauca* (0.92%) and *Digitaria sanguinalis* (0.92%) in monocot weeds category and *Chenopodium murale* (60.6%), *Chenopodium album* (15.5%) and *Melilotus indica* (5.2%) in dicot weed category.

Sangani *et al.*, (2024) reported that weed flora in garlic was monocot weeds viz., *Echinochloa colona* (11.47%), *Brachiaria ramosa* (10.19%), *Eluopus villosus* (8.92%), *Dactyloctenium aegyptium* (8.81%), *Asphodelus tenuifolius* (5.10%) and; dicot weeds viz., *Indigofera glandulosa* (8.92%), *Chenopodium album* (7.64%), *Commelina nudiflora* (7.01%) *Eclipta alba* (5.73%), *Digera arvensis* (2.54%), *Parthenium hysterophorus* (1.28%), *Euphorbia hirta* (0.63%), *Tridax procumbens* (0.63%), *Portulaca oleracea* (0.63%); and sedge weed viz., *Cyperus rotundus* (20.39%).

### Crop-weed competition

Kropff and Joije (1987) concluded that the density of weed species in line with unit area is not the most effective factors which cause the yield loss but also the time of the boom of weeds throughout the developing season might be extra crucial. This ends in flourish the weeds and decrease the

bulb yield to the track of 61.77% beneath weedy plots compared handy weeded plots (Singh and Nandal 2002)<sup>[29]</sup> in garlic.

Ved Prakash *et al.*, (2000)<sup>[33]</sup> pronounced that essential duration of crop-weed opposition in onion lies between 15-60 days after transplanting. Babiker *et al.*, (1987)<sup>[3]</sup> mentioned that unrestricted weed boom reduced crop yield by means of 98 consistent with cent and onion become more sensitive to weed competition between two to six weeks after its emergence. Weed opposition throughout the crop length on a median brought on eighty two.2 in keeping with cent reduction in bulb yield. Weed infestation prevailed up to 15, 30, 45 and 60 days after transplanting registered 1.2, 39. eight, fifty-six.1 and 69.3 according to cent discount in bulb yield over weedy situation all through the crop. but there has been no vast difference in bulb yield due to weedy situations as much as 60 days and weedy situations all through crop season Tewari.

Onion is very touchy to weed opposition all through the entire flower's length, because luxuriant boom of leaves is arrested, which might otherwise cowl inter-rows and prevent weed germination. The aggressive power of onion became the weakest one towards weeds said by way of Kavaliauskaite (2009)<sup>[13]</sup>.

### Losses as a result of weeds

Weed reduces the bulb yield to the diploma of forty to eighty% (Verma and Singh, 1996)<sup>[34]</sup> in garlic. Channapagoudar and Biradar (2007)<sup>[6]</sup> that yield loss because of weed infestation in onions to the tune of 40 to 80 according to cent.

### Impact of weed manipulate technique on crop increase, yield and excellent

Weed control practices: Weeds can be managed by way of extraordinary methods such as manual, cultural, chemical and mechanical. commonly farmers do no longer remove weeds early sufficient to prevent major damage because of this weed competition.

#### a) Manual and cultural

Hand weeding is a method that gets rid of competing weeds from crop, letting them get entry to more sunlight, water, and vitamins, selling increase. This ends in elevated plant top and efficient photosynthesis. Additionally, hand weeding ensures better soil nutrient uptake, assisting normal plant increase. Weeds can induce strain on onion plants with the aid of competing for assets and freeing allelopathic chemical compounds, but hand weeding reduces this stress, allowing vegetation to recognition on growth and chlorophyll production.

In line with Melander and Hartvig, hoeing close to the row leaving five cm untilled strip, has the potential of saving labour value for hand weeding in non herbicidal growing machine of onion. The better bulb and weed management performance have been recorded within the weed unfastened treatment followed through three HW on 20, 40 and 60 days after transplanting (Amrutkar *et al.*, 1998)<sup>[11]</sup>.

Bhutia *et al.*, (2005)<sup>[5]</sup> pronounced considerably higher bulb yield with two times hand weeding at 25 & 45 DAT. Jilani *et al.*, (2007)<sup>[12]</sup> studied that 3-hand hoeing exercise confirmed the best effects in onion bulb diameter, bulb weight and bulb yield in keeping with ha. three hand hoeing proved to be the great weed management exercise.

Zubiar *et al.*, (2009) [36] discovered that better weed manage was acquired with manual weeding at some point of the crop season. maximum bulb size and yield of onion were recorded in hand weeded plots observed by using pendimethalin compared to weedy test as noticed via Hussain *et al.*, (2008) [11]. Rahman *et al.*, (2012) [22] additionally found manual weeding very effective in crop to control weed biomass. Ganesh *et al.*, (2022) [8] concluded that two hand weeding at 20 and forty DAT recorded better marketable bulb yield, weed control efficiency, and the lowest weed density, weed dry weight, and weed index due to the fact the elimination of weed by means of hand is onerous, high-priced, and time ingesting.

#### b) Mechanical

Physical harm through burial to 1 cm depth is effective for controlling weeds followed by using slicing on the soil floor as observed by Rajakumar (2008) [23]. consistent with Sathya Priya *et al.*, (2013) pre-emergence application of pendimethalin at 0.75 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> + Rotary weeding on 45 DAS recorded decrease gross and internet returns. Mechanical weed control uproots the weeds between the crop rows and preserve the soil floor loose to make sure better water intake capacity and soil aeration (Yadav and Pond, 2007) [35]. In garlic shallow root gadget make mechanical approach of weed manipulate tough and occasionally causes damage to growing bulbs (Lawande *et al.*, 2009) [15].

Sinare in onion noticed that most yield in mechanical weeding treatment might be due to beneficial environment created by clean crop tradition ensuing in greater absorption of sun radiation and plant vitamins ensuing in extra photosynthetic rates and extra dry count accumulation.

#### c) Chemical (impact of herbicide on crop boom and yield)

Plant peak, number of leaves, sparkling and dry weight have been located to be better below weed free condition and pendimethalin handled plots as mentioned through Sharma and Khandwe (2008) [27]. Taller flora, neck thickness and dry be counted accumulation become found below pendimethalin carried out plots via Patel *et al.*, (2011) [19].

Tripathy *et al.*, (2013) determined that one-of-a-kind weed control practices substantially reduced weed density and increase onion bulb yield with both software of oxyfluorfen 23.5EC before planting + one hand weeding at forty-60 days after transplanting (T7) or blended spray of pendimethalin 30EC + quizalofopethyl 5EC at the time of planting and 2d software at 30 days after transplanting (T6).

Kumar determined that hand weeding could economies the dose of the herbicides through 50%. Pendimethalin and pendimethalin/metolachlor/oxyflourfen + hand weeding were advanced handy weeding three times in increasing bulb yield of garlic.

Sathya Priya and Chinnusamy (2013) [26] said that pre-emergence utility of oxyfluorfen at 200 g ha<sup>-1</sup> recorded better bulb yield because of better manipulate of weeds at vital levels therefore providing favourable environmental condition for higher increase and improvement main to beautify bulb yield). Siddhu noticed that that the application of Oxyfluorfen zero.one hundred fifty kg/ha + Quizalofop ethyl zero.050 kg/ha as post emergence observed powerful in controlling weeds and growing bulb yield of garlic crop. utility of oxyfluorfen and pendimethalin provide effectively manage of weeds in garlic additionally said with the aid of

Shashidhar *et al.* (2013) [28]. The reduction in density of weed in herbicide treatments might be due to broad spectrum herbicidal effect on control of weeds which in the long run pondered in recording decrease dry weight of weeds discovered by means of Sampat *et al.* (2014) [25] in garlic. Gupta *et al.*, 2019 [9] Suppression of weed opposition by pre and put up emergence herbicide utility become similarly more desirable by integrating hand weeding at forty DAT in weed manage treatments, which gives green and extended weed manage and saved the crop weed free during the critical intervals of opposition.

#### d) Combination of manual and chemical method

Vedprakash *et al.*, (2000) [33] stated that, bulb yield of onion showed higher overall performance beneath herbicides mixed with hand weeding remedy over herbicides on my own because of effectively manage of weed through herbicides all through initial degree and later on by means of hand weeding.

Prasad *et al.*, 2021 [21] concluded that weed loose circumstance turned into extra powerful than other strategies having greater bulb yield and superior nice bulbs. but, use of Pendimethalin @750g a.i. /ha and Oxyflurfen @ 100g a.i./ha+ Hand Weeding at 40 Days after transplanting had been additionally determined to be powerful for buying more yield and superior bulb fine of onion.

Singla and Singh (2020) [30] observed nearly convenient and economically viable weed control exercise in onion at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Patiala. distinctive combos of hand weeding with application of Pendimethalin 30 EC @ 1875ml/ha (pre-planting) and oxyfluorfen 23. five EC @ 950ml/ha (put up emergence) were used in onion variety 'Punjab Naroya'. Weed free check remedy (3 hand weeding at 20, 40 and 60 DAS) recorded extensively lowest weed density, dry weight of weed and higher weed control performance. all of the boom attributes of onion *viz.*, plant peak, neck thickness, bulb weight and bulb diameter have been recorded most in weed unfastened. This remedy additionally recorded highest bulb yield and gross financial go back according to hectare, but most B:C ratio changed into located in remedy pendimethalin 30 EC @1875ml/ha (PP)+ Oxyfluorfen 23.5 EC @ 950ml/ha (POE)+ One hand wedding at 40 DAS.

Anarase (2014) [2] reported that maximum bulb yield turned into recorded by way of chemical weed manage remedy Oxyfluorfen @ 0.088 kg a.i./ha + Quizalofop ethyl five% EC 0.05 kg a.i. /ha + HW forty-five DAT in rabi onion. Hajebi *et al.* (2015) [7] said that pre emergence tank-mix software of Pendimethalin @ zero.seventy five kg ha<sup>-1</sup> + Imazethapyr @ zero.1/2 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> proved superior to all the other herbicide treatments in reducing weed competition (density and dry weight) in garlic crop.

#### Economics of weed manage in onion

Patel *et al.* (2011) [19] found out that better net profit (2,sixty nine,422 ha<sup>-1</sup> ) in onion crop became obtained with application of pendimethalin at 1.0 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> + HW on 40 DAT with the B:C ratio of 7.85 observed by oxyfluorfen at 1.zero kg ha<sup>-1</sup> + HW on forty DAT (2,fifty one,910) and weed unfastened control. In onion higher net return (1, eighty-five,600) with B:C ratio of seven.63 became registered with the application of oxyfluorfen.

Barla and Upasani (2019) [4] concluded that for harvest of better onion yield software of pendimethalin 1 kg/ha PE

oxyfluorfen zero.25 kg/ha PE or plastic mulch may be practiced for effective weed manage and better economic return.

Channappagoudar and Biradar (2007) [6] indicated that the preemergence utility of pendimethalin at 1.00 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> supplemented with one hand weeding gave highest net return of Rs. fifty-one,296 ha<sup>-1</sup> with most advantage fee ratio of 8.77. Sampat *et al.* (2014) [25] reported that mixture of Oxadiargyl 90 g/ha pre-emergence plus Quizalofop-ethyl as post-emergence 50 g/ha carried out at 2-3 leaf stage of weeds gave maximum a B: C ratio in massive segmented garlic range.

Panara *et al.*, (2015) [18] stated that maximum B:C ratio turned into collected with oxadiargyl 90 g/ha as pre-emergence fb HW at forty DAS (T2), carefully observed through oxyfluorfen 240 g/ha as preemergence facebook HW at forty DAS (T1) and HW at 30 and 60 DAS (T8).

Sampat *et al.* (2014) [25] observed that the weed free plots resulted in better fee of cultivation and internet returns observed by the treatment mixture of oxadiargyl 90 g/ha pre-emergence quizalofop-ethyl as post-emergence 50 g/ha implemented at 2-three leaf stage of weeds yielding a B: C ratio of five.70 in small segmented and six.seventy three in huge segmented garlic respectively

### Conclusion

Instead of adopting single method of weed control, combination of weed control measures could yield better results in terms of both production and profit. Implementing an integrated weed management strategy that combines chemical, mechanical, and cultural practices is essential for effective weed control in *Allium* crops. This approach not only enhances crop yield and quality but also promotes sustainable agricultural practices. Farmers should consider local conditions, available resources, and specific crop requirements when selecting appropriate weed management techniques.

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